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Classified By: Acting Political M/C David Kostelancik. Reasons 1.4 (b), (c), and (d).

(S) On August 27 we delivered reftel demarche to MFA North America Deputy Director Nikolay Safinskiy, who said he would immediately inform FM Lavrov. Safinskiy said that Russia shared U.S. concerns, and stated that the GOR interagency process would immediately work to stop these flights from taking place. He also requested any additional information the U.S. might have on the flights. Beyrle